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SUBJ: FUNDS FOR NARCOTICS INTERDICTION PROJECT WITH
COLOMBIAN ATTORNEY GENERAL

REF: STATE 117250

1. FUNDS REQUIRED COVER APPROX. 24 MONTHS IMPLEMENTATION SPAN. FIRST STATIONS TO BE BROUGHT UP TO OPERATIONAL LEVEL BOGOTA AND CALI. MEDELLIN/BARRANQUILLA/TURBO/LETICIA WILL FOLLOW. LATTER STATIONS REPRESENT NEXT FOUR LARGEST KNOWN TRAFFIC POINTS. DEVELOPMENT FROM SCRATCH REQUIRES MORE INPUT THAN TOPPING-OFF BOGOTA, HOWEVER, CALI REQUIRES FULL EQUIPAGE. PREVIOUS REFERENCE TO FY 75 RELATED TO FUNDING YEAR ONLY AS OBVIOUSLY IMPLEMENTATION FY76. MISSION PREFERENCE FOR TOTAL PROJECT FUNDED FY75; HOWEVER, WE ASSUMED WE PLACE ABOVE IMPLEMENTATION IN FY75 FUNDING, THEREFORE, WE PLACE ABOVE IMPLEMENTATION IN FY75 FUNDING, WITH SAN ANDRES/BUENAVENTURA/CARTAGENA/CUCUTA/IPIALES FROM FY76 FUNDING. SECOND GROUPING OF INSTALLATIONS REPRESENTATIVE OF POINTS WHERE TRAFFIC BLOCKED BY FIRST INITIATIVE MOST LIKELY WILL SHOW INCREASE.

2. PARA 4 EQUIPMENT PREDICATED ON FY75 FUNDING ONLY OF FIRST TARGET GROUP. ACCORDINGLY, DIVISION OF COMMODITIES BASED UPON 6 UNITS NOT 11 TOTAL FOR ACTIVITY. REFERENCE TO 9 UNITS EXCLUDED BOGOTA AND CALI. NINE NEW UNITS REQUIRE FOLLOWING COMMODITIES-ALL UNITS TO HAVE
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IDENTICAL EQUIPMENT:

(A) VEHICLE (1) 6,000 DOLS
(B) RADIOS BATTERY CHARGERS, CONSOLE (4) 10,000 DOLS
(C) SCALES (1) 250 DOLS
(D) NARCOTEST KITS (16) 480 DOLS
(E) BINOCULARS HBQKQ) 165 DOLS
(F) CAMERA (1) 200 DOLS
(G) SAGE (FOR EVIDENCE) (1) 835 DOLS
(H) TYPEWRITER (1) 250 DOLS
TOTAL PER UNIT 18,180 DOLS
TOTAL EQUIPMENT COST 9 NEW UNITS 163,620 DOLS

3. LOCATIONS ABOVE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A) MEDELLIN - AIRPORT; B) BARRANQUILLA-AIRPORT; C) TURBO-
PORT; D) LETICIA - AIRPORT, PORT, BORDER CROSSING
(PERU, BRAZIL); E) SAN ANDRES-AIRPORT, PORT, ISLAND
F) BUENAVENTURA-PORT; G) CARTAGENA-AIRPORT; H) CUCUTA
AIRPORT, BORDER CROSSING (VENEZUELA); I) IPIALES BORDER
CROSSING (ECUADOR).

4. EQUIPMENT REQUIRED COMPLETE BOGOTA AND CALI UNITS ARE
FOLLOWS:

(A) BOGOTA - ONE VEHICLE DOLS 6 THOUSAND, SIXTEEN NARCOTEST
KITS DOLS 480, ONE CAMERA DOLS 200, ONE TYPEWRITTER DOLS 250.
TOTAL COST DOLS 6,930.
(B) CALI/SAME LISTING AS FOR QUOTE NEW UNITS END QUOTES
COS DOLS 18,180

ESTIMATED GOC BUDGETARY SUPPORT WILL ALL BE IN-KIND.
PERSONNEL WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM EACH PARTICIPATING ENTITY,
AT LEAST ONE LAWYER FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL'S STAFF,
OFFICE SPACE AND FURNITURE, MAINTENANCE COSTS AS
NEEDED, AN OTHER RECORDS MAINTENANCE, TRAINING AND SUPPORT
(AS NEEDED). COST VALUE NOT YET PRECISE-HOWEVER, WILL
EXCEED 25 PERCENT BASIC REQUISITE.

5. NARCOTICS LAB IDENTIFICATION EQUIPMENT BASED ON
CURRENT PRACTICE OF REQUIRING TWO INDEPENDENT ANALYSIS
OF SAMPLES PRESENTED BY JUDICIAL POLICE FOR NARCOTICS
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VERIFICATION. ONE ANALYSIS MUST BE DONE BY QUOTES MEDICINA
LEGAL END QUOTES LAB UNDER JURISDICTION OF ATTORNEY
GENERAL. THE SECOND ANALYSIS IS DONE BY LAB CORRESPONDING
H ENTITY INCHARGE OF INVESTIGATION. E. G. DAS,
NATIONAL POLICE, CUSTOMS EQUIPMENT THIS PRO-AG DESTINED AS
FOLLOWS:

(A) MEDICINA LEGAL - GAS CHROMOTOGRAPH DOLS 20 THOUSAND AND

POLARIZATION MICROSCOPE DOLS 5 THOUSAND. NOTE: CURRENTLY
IN-PLACE EQUIPMENT NOT ADEQUATE TO HANDLE INCREASED WORKLOAD
ENVISIONED BY INITIATION THIS ACTIVITY.

(B) NATIONAL POLICE LAB-SAME EQUIPMENT AS ABOVE DOLS
25 THOUSAND. NOTE: IT IS ESTIMATED THAT MOST OF THE
INVESTIGATIONS GENERATED BY THIS ACTIVITY WILL BE
CHANNELED THRU NATIONAL POLICE LAB. SAME OVER-LOAD OF
CURRENTLY IN-PLACE EQUIPMENT APPLIES AS IN (A) ABOVE.

6. OUR CURRENT UNDERSTANDING IS THAT GUIDELINES FOR CO-
ORDINATION NARCOTICS INTERDICTION, WHEN ISSUED, WILL NOT
EFFECT CONTROL/OR EXECUTION THIS ACTIVITY. CHIEF OF DAS
STATES FULL SUPPORT OF ACTIVITY-EVIDENCED BY SILLING
ASSIGNMENT DAS JUDICIAL POLICE TO INTEGRATED PROJECT.

7. DISCUSSION WITH DNP JUNE 4 ASSURED THAT OBLIGATION CAN
BE MADE THIS FY.
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